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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, where added material is shown in underlined type, deleted material is shown in ~~strikeout type~~:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing television network bandwidth comprising:

broadcasting a plurality of programs on a plurality of channels to a plurality of receivers across said network;

identifying each channel of said plurality of channels that is tuned by at least one receiver of said plurality of receivers connected to said network, comprising ~~receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned and the previous channel tuned~~ receiving the channel number tuned and the last channel number tuned from each receiver of the plurality of receivers;

determining if at least one channel of said plurality of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers; and

if at least one channel of said plurality of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers, halting transmission of a program on said at least one channel and broadcasting information other than a program on said at least one channel.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of identifying further comprises: receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of identifying further comprises: receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned if a user has selected a receiver function discontinuing reception of any channel.

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5. (Currently amended) A method for managing network bandwidth comprising:
- broadcasting a plurality of programs on a plurality of channels to a plurality of receivers across said network;
  - defining a group of channels comprising a subset of said plurality of channels;
  - identifying each channel of said group of channels to which at least one receiver of said plurality of receivers connected to said network is tuned, comprising ~~receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned and the previous channel tuned~~ receiving the channel number tuned and the last channel number tuned from each receiver of the plurality of receivers;
  - determining if at least one channel of said group of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers; and
  - halting transmission of a program on said at least one channel and broadcasting information other than a program on said at least one channel if at least one channel of said group of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said step of identifying further comprises: receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said step of identifying further comprises: receiving a signal from each receiver of said plurality of receivers, said signal indicating the channel tuned if a user has selected a receiver function discontinuing reception of any channel.

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